

# PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS—TAXATION —VETERANS' AND FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS —EXEMPTIONS

S. J. R. No. 1

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize taxing units to exempt from taxation the property of certain veterans' organizations and certain property of fraternal organizations.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That Article VIII, Section 2, of the Texas Constitution be amended by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

"(c) The governing body of a political subdivision may exempt from ad valorem taxation property of veterans' organizations that are chartered by the United States Congress, composed of members or former members of the Armed Forces of the United States, and organized for patriotic and public service purposes, including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans.

"(d) The governing body of a political subdivision may exempt from ad valorem taxation the property of fraternal organizations that are organized to perform and are primarily engaged in performing charitable and benevolent functions. The legislature by general law may limit the types or amount of property that may be exempted under this subsection and may provide eligibility requirements for an organization to receive an exemption under this subsection."

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SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 8, 1983. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize taxing units to exempt from taxation property of certain veterans' and fraternal organizations."

Passed by the Senate on March 23, 1983: Yeas 27, Nays 4; Senate concurred in House amendments on May 27, 1983: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed by the House, with amendments, on May 25, 1983: Yeas 137, Nays 4, one present not voting.

Filed without signature.

Filed with the Secretary of State, June 14, 1983.

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### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS—SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS—BONDS—GUARANTEE— PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

S. J. R. No. 12

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize use of the permanent school fund to guarantee school bonds.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That Article VII, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"Section 5. (a) The principal of all bonds and other funds, and the principal arising from the sale of the lands hereinbefore set apart to said school fund, shall be the permanent school fund, and all the interest derivable therefrom and the taxes herein authorized and levied shall be the available school fund. The available school fund shall be applied annually to the support of the public free schools. Except as provided by this section, [And] no law shall ever be enacted appropriating any part of the permanent or available school fund to any other purpose whatever; nor shall the same, or any part thereof ever be appropriated to or used for the support of any sectarian school; and the available

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